

February 10, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

The **County of San Bernardino** is applying for Grant Funds under the Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP) of the Consta Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13) from the California Department of Water Resources.

The California Department of Fish and Game supports the efforts of the County of San Bernardino to obtain grant funds to protect the **long-term perpetuation of this area** to create, enhance and **support associations or concentrations of rare species or habitats**, flood protection corridors, and improve the ability of groundwater supplies to recharge in this area of the county.

The proposed acquisition site is located within LAX 33, a CDFG designated Significant Natural Area. The County of San Bernardino has the highest rate of development of any county in California. The County of San Bernardino in applying for these grant funds and is seeking to acquire easements, real property and to develop facilities that enhance flood protection, control and improve groundwater recharge capabilities and enhance the corridors used by wildlife.

We want the California Department of Water Resources, elected and appointed federal, state and local officials along with community members to know that we support the efforts of the County of San Bernardino to successfully obtain these grant funds to assist in the conservation of areas designated as a Special Natural Area.

Please feel free to contact me at **(List Phone Number and Address Here)** if you have any additional questions or if we can be of further support to the County of San Bernardino.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

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